

Translation of Exhibit §.a. - Fax letter from Danish Innovation to patent attorney:

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From: Innovation Sender: Stig Trollebø

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Dear Ole Jagtboe

As agreed I am forwarding a description of Bjarke Gotfredsens smart card mouse pad and a draft to a patent application.

Gotfredsen and his partner / advisor Jerry Nielsen wants a meeting to discuss a strategy for a utility model and possibly a patent.

We can pay for 2-3 hours of counseling in this connection. For further work regarding application of utilitymodel/patent Gotfredsen must either apply for funding from "Erhversfremme styrelsen" or pay the expenses himself.

Gotfredsen or Nielsen will call you tomorrow to set up a meeting.

Best regards

Innovation



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Smart card mouse pad

The product

Mouse pad with integrated smart card read/write device

Technical specification

- 1 conventionel mouse pad, 245 x 205 mm and min. 6 mm thick
- 1 smart card connector, which complies with the specifications of ISO 7816. The connector can be bought at Farnell product no. 7001PM020812A.
- 1 25 pin SUB-D male plug. Farnell product no. CF25.150-766.
- 1 keyboard "power thief". Can be bought ready made, or alternatively manufactures by 2 PS2-keyboard plugs (male and female), where +5V og ground is extracted separately.
- 1 PCB printboard woth the dimensions (HxLxW) 1,6 x 70 x 58 mm, made after our specifications.
- 2 10 Kohm resistors (R1, R2). Farnell product no. 509-280.

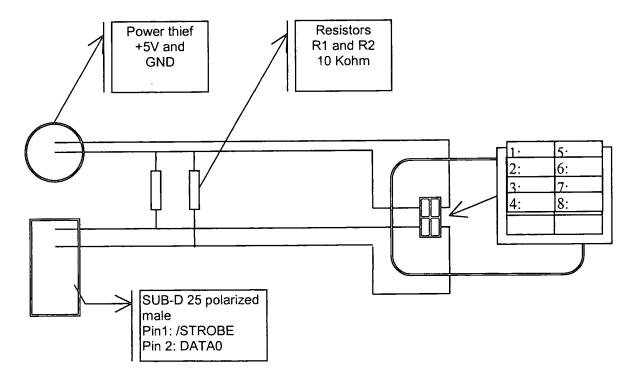


Fig. A. Mounting diagram, ScardPad



Mounting

Connect +5 volt from

- ⇒ SmartCard connection 1 (VCC)
- ⇒ Power thiefs +5 volts connection
- ⇒ R1
- ⇒ R2

Connect ground/GND from

- ⇒ SmartCard connection 5 (GND)
- ⇒ Power thiefs GND connection

Connect Clock from

- ⇒ SUB-D plug's pin ben 2 (DATA0)
- ⇒ SmartCard connection 3 (SCL)
- ⇒ R1

Connect Data from

- ⇒ SUB-D plug's pin 1 (C/STROBE)
- ⇒ SmartCard connection 7 (SDA)
- $\Rightarrow R2$

Instruction

The power thief is inserted into the PC's keyboard plug.

The keyboard plug is inserted into power thief

SUB-D plug is inserted into PC's printer port.

The read/write unit can read ordinary smart cards with 12C communication (2-conductor serial).

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This part of the description relates to the business issues of the product.